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Peter Hartman, Division Administrator Federal Highway Administration 3050 Lake Harbor Lane, Suite 126 Boise, Idaho 83703-6217 Richard F. Krochalis, Regional Administrator Federal Transit Administration Federal Building, Suite 3142 915 Second Avenue Seattle, Washington 98171

Attn: Scott Frey

Attn: Ned Conroy

SUBJECT: FY 2008-2011 Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) Amendment # 8, to add a project to fiscal year 2009 through <u>federal-aid highway funds</u>

Dear Mr. Hartman and Mr. Krochalis:

Please approve the following change, which will amend the FY 2008 STIP by adding the Stage 1 Vapor Recovery project assigned key number 11543 to the FY 2009 Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program. The project is programmed at a 50% match for a total cost of \$1,000,000. This project is being added to the FY 2008 STIP so that it can be started early in the new fiscal year. Prior year funds will be deobligated in FY 2009 to fund the federal-aid portion of this project.

The Department of Environmental Quality had requested the addition of this project, which could potentially forestall an ozone non-attainment designation in the Treasure Valley if sufficient gas stations install stage 1 vapor recovery technology before next summer's ozone producing season. COMPASS added the project to their Transportation Improvement Program and the Idaho Transportation Board to the STIP at their respective September board meetings. COMPASS conducted public involvement on this project.

There are no air quality implications (except improvement of air quality) for these actions and no air quality conformity is required. The Idaho Transportation Department certifies that the above project action was in accordance with all applicable requirements as described in Section 450.218 of the Statewide Planning Regulations, dated February 14, 2007. The STIP continues to be consistent with the Statewide Transportation Plan as approved by the Idaho Transportation Board in July 2004 and remains fiscally constrained.

Sincerely,

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Transportation Planning Administrator

cc: Matt Stoll, Executive Director, COMPASS

Toni Tisdale, TIP Coordinator, COMPASS

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